## We claim:

A white light-emitting compound represented by formula
 (1):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
0 & R^1 \\
\hline
R^3 & C & R^3 \\
\hline
R^1 & O & \dots (1)
\end{array}$$

wherein  $R^1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an aryl group represented by formula (2), or an aralkyl group represented by formula (3), wherein there are no cases where both  $R^1$ s are hydrogen atoms;  $R^3$  denotes one of the substituents respectively represented by formulas (4)-(8), wherein two  $R^3$ s may be the same or different from each other;

the formula (2) is:

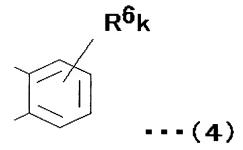
wherein  $R^4$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or an alkoxyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms; and n denotes an integer from 1 to 5,

the formula (3) is:

$$-(CH_2)_{m} R^5 \dots (3)$$

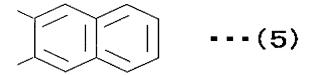
wherein  $R^5$  is an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and m denotes an integer from 1 to 10,

the formula (4) is:



wherein  $R^6$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group with 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkoxyl group with 1 to 5 carbon atoms, or an aryl group represented by the formula (2); and k denotes an integer from 1 to 4,

the formula 5 is:



the formula (6) is:

the formula (7) is:

and, the formula (8) is:

2. A process of producing a white light-emitting compound represented by the formula (1), comprising dehydrating an aromatic amine represented by formula (9) and a diol represented by formula (10) to produce a first compound represented by formula (11); dehydrogenating the first compound; reacting the dehydrogenated compound with an alkyl halide, the chemical formula of which is  $R^1-X$  wherein  $R^1$  denotes the same as that defined in claim 1, and X is a halogen atom, to produce a second compound represented by formula (12); and subjecting the second compound to a ring-closing reaction, wherein

the formula (9) is:

$$R^3 - NH_2$$
 ...(9)

wherein  ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^3$  denotes the same as that defined in claim 1,

the formula (10) is:

wherein two  $R^7s$  may be the same or different from each other, the formula (11) is:

$$R^{7}O$$
 $O = C$ 
 $R^{3}$ 
 $NH$ 
 $C = O$ 
 $OR^{7}$ 
 $\cdots$  (11)

wherein  ${\mbox{R}}^3$  denotes the same as that defined in claim 1 and  ${\mbox{R}}^7$  denotes the same as that defined above,

the formula (12) is:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{7}O & R^{1} \\
O = C & N \\
R^{3} & N \\
C = O \\
R^{1} & OR^{7}
\end{array}$$
... (12)

wherein  ${\bf R}^1$  denotes the same as that defined in claim 1 and there are no cases where both  ${\bf R}^1$ s are hydrogen atoms, and  ${\bf R}^3$  and  ${\bf R}^7$  are the same as those defined above.

3. Awhite light-emitting element having a pair of electrodes and a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the electrodes, the light-emitting layer including a white light-emitting compound represented by the formula (1) shown in claim 1.